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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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Patent Number: 6056421

Application Number: 08519200

Issue Date: 2000-02-05

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

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- ☐ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☐ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
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STATEMENT

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Statement attached.

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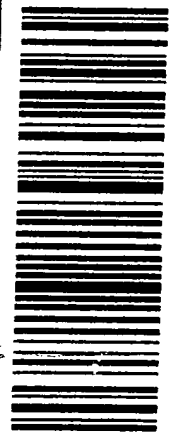
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